

REMARKS

Claims 9-11 are amended to correct the omission of the term “element.”

In response to the requirement for an election of species, Applicants provisionally elect the Embodiment I: Figs. 5, and 6A-6J. Claims 1-10 and 26-28 correspond to the elected embodiment.

This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicant's rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained, and that the Examiner will consider other species upon allowance of a generic claim.

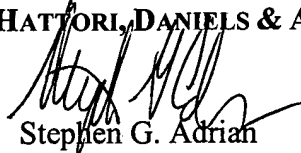
Applicants respectfully request an early examination of the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

Response to Election of Species Requirement
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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